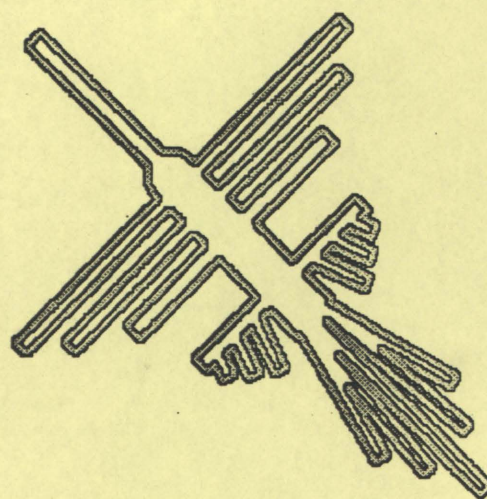
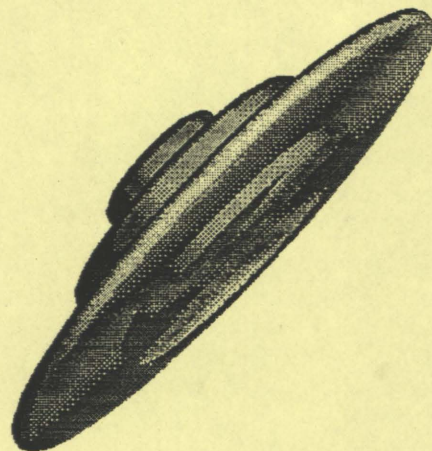
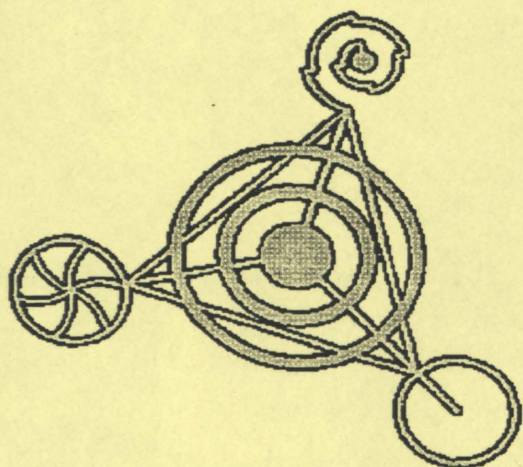

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FLYING TRIANGLE CAPTURED *(on video)*

The Morecambe UFO group have had a number of UFO incidents recently, with the result that they were ready and armed with a variety of apparatus when the telephones started ringing on Friday 2nd February this year and startled witnesses began describing what they had seen! It was about 7pm as members of the Morecambe group grabbed their equipment (which included video cameras) and set out to investigate what was going on.

They had heard that something very large was in the sky over Torrisholme, an ancient earth burial barrow. Members of the group saw a huge Flying Triangle ("as big as three Hercules aircraft") hovering over the barrow and the video camera's began to roll, then the FT started to move away and headed for the Heysham Nuclear Power Station (heading SW). We believe that it passed over this nuclear plant and was then lost from view.

We understand that the Morecambe group have obtained some excellent video footage of the event and that the film will be shown at some stage during their conference to be held at the Headmore Hotel, Morecambe on Sunday 18th February (2-10pm). Although the video is believed to run for only a few minutes, we have heard that the film is impressive. No doubt it will become available to other UFO groups in the near future.

This most recent event has again drawn attention to the strange conclusion that FT's have an interest in cemeteries and other burial grounds. We can accept that the occupants of the FT's have an understandable concern over our ventures into the realms of nuclear fission. No doubt there is still a high probability that before long, one nation or another will start detonating their newly developed Atomic Bombs on an unsuspecting neighbour.

We have been warned often enough by the *aliens* that the people on Earth are *Warlike* and that we should dispense with our adventure into Atomic Power. We have also been told that *they* are controlling and restricting our advancement because we are so aggressive to each other and that we are being allowed to develop at only 50% of what could be possible. It seems that our warlike ways will not be tolerated and the *aliens* will continue to watch and evaluate our progress, instructing key people when necessary in order that our advancement will continue.

Just in case you might think that your editor has delved into the realms of science-fiction, the messages quoted from *aliens* in the last paragraph, are extracts taken from an *automatic writing* message. This was written by a contactee in a UFO case investigated by your editor many years ago and is only one of many similar warnings claimed to have been sent by the *aliens* to the human race, but it all seems to have been in vain. The French took no heed of their warnings when they carried out their series of Atomic tests in the Pacific and who knows what steps China will take to "liberate" Taiwan in the coming months?

HOT NEWS FROM THE USA

We have just received the following press release from the Intruders Foundation (Budd Hopkins Executive Director). Peter Robbins, an associate of Budd and well known for his research into the Rendlesham Forest incident, sent us the release on February 12th, stating:- "we thought that you should have a copy of this paper as the programme it addresses ("Kidnapped by Aliens" NOVA TV U.S.A.), may well end up on U.K. television. Please feel free to publish as you see fit." *An edited transcript is reproduced below:-*



INTRUDERS FOUNDATION
BUDD HOPKINS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A RESPONSE TO NOVA'S PROGRAM ON THE UFO ABDUCTION PHENOMENON

OR

SCIENCE IS NOT ALWAYS WHAT SCIENCE PROGRAMS DO

by

Budd Hopkins

Readers familiar with the writings and lectures of the late Dr. Allen Hynek may recognize in the above title an expanded version of one of his most quoted bon mots, "Science is not always what scientists do." After viewing the recent Nova program which systematically and outrageously distorted the UFO abduction phenomenon and my work in the field, it's fair to say that Nova has abandoned its right to be thought of as either objective, balanced, or scientific. However, I suppose it's a perverse sort of honor to find my work trashed by people with the same intolerant mindset as those who also trashed the research of Dr. Hynek, Dr. James McDonald, and so many others who have labored in the same unfashionable vineyard.

What Nova presented in its luridly titled program, Kidnapped by Aliens?, was a mangling of the truth, a polemic having absolutely nothing to do with scientific investigation.

Typically, on a show filled with hostile authority figures with little or no acquaintance with the data, astronomer Carl Sagan stated that he believed all abduction accounts are delusions or hallucinations. So far, Nova appears unconcerned that Dr. Sagan

has yet to mount a serious investigation into even one abduction report. Should we be concerned with a program so obviously biased? After all, my informal inquiries reveal that TV critics, media professionals and especially scientists almost universally view Nova as a slick operation pandering to the same sensation-seeking audiences as commercial TV.

The main reason for the program's destructiveness is its message, implied and delivered directly, that all abductees - all - are weak-minded patsies, delusional, or victims of repeated hallucinations. In other words, liars aside, all who report such experiences are, to some extent, mentally abnormal.

What evidence does Dr. Sagan, for example, present to buttress his sweeping - and to the abductees, damning - indictment of their ability to separate fantasy from reality? None. None whatsoever. For a man regarded within popular culture as a kind of Pope of Science to offer such a wholesale denigration of UFO abductees with no supporting evidence is worse than irresponsible. In the psychological literature there is only one report of an in-depth, blind study of the mental health of abductees - the 1983 report by Dr. Elizabeth Slater - and it shows that Dr. Sagan's opinion is totally unsupportable.

Did Nova make any effort to find out if there is any evidence supporting Sagan's "diagnosis" of the abductees he'd never met? More to the point, how many abductees on the show did Nova ask to submit to psychological tests, psychiatric interviews and the like? To my knowledge, none. John, a former counselor and one of the abductees who appears at length on the program, informed Nova by letter that he would present himself for any type of test, medical or psychological, that they wished to administer. If Nova were trying to do an objective, scientific study as they claimed, they should have instantly accepted John's offer. Instead, they chose to ignore it.

But even worse is the show's blatantly dishonest presentation of a family case to which they devote a great deal of airtime. The young mother of two small children had written a letter to me, and with her permission I presented a copy of it to producer Denise DiIanni of the Nova staff. In her letter the young woman said this about her abduction experiences: "My memories are real and I have not had to use hypnosis to remember them." From a life-long series of encounters she records the following details: "The 'little men' as I used to call them would enter my bedroom from the same place in the wall...[They] were small, had large heads with large dark eyes that seem to look right through me." Describing painful physical procedures, she added, "The tears would roll down my cheeks into my ears, an uncomfortable feeling. I was unable to wipe my tears away..." She described the alien figures as moving in unison, and in another encounter she described "being slowly lowered into my mattress, so slow that I would think 'hurry up, I just want to feel my mattress under me and go to sleep.'" On another occasion she saw her brother being taken in broad daylight: "He looked so tired and was slumped over...I remember being very worried that he was too little to get into that object in the sky."

In these accounts and in later, face-to-face interviews with the Nova crew present, she described many more experiences from childhood to the present, all recollected without hypnosis. What's more, her husband vividly described watching their little son being floated out of the house by the aliens while he lay paralyzed on the floor of their front hall. With Nova's camera recording it all, he lay down exactly where he remembered having fallen and described where each alien had been standing. He explained that the master bedroom was on the other side of the wall he was leaning against. Desperately trying to alert his sleeping wife, he showed us how he tried in vain to move his leg enough to bang against the wall to summon help.

His testimony was the most vivid and important of our visit to their home. It corroborated his wife's account and explained their powerful fear for their children's safety. But all of this eyewitness testimony and dramatic film footage was suppressed by Nova. All of it.

Through "creative editing" I'm portrayed as trying to ascribe an abduction memory to an innocent child. In addition to the anguished father's eyewitness account of lying paralyzed while he watched the aliens taking his son out of the house, the child's mother had included in her letter the following account of what they went through when their boy was three years old:

"My husband and I saw blinking lights in my son's bedroom... We continue to have problems with our son at night... When his dad gets him dressed in the morning he will ask questions [such as] 'How do they come through the walls? How do they park it there, there's no road there...' He talks about tables with no legs, 'but those are the kind you don't eat on.' He tells me how chilly it was outside last night."

There is, of course, much more, all of which was known to Ms. DiIanni. But in her script I am portrayed as suspecting the boy's possible abduction solely because of one piece of evidence: a child "pausing at a drawing of an alien." As Nova well knows, no one on earth would ever describe that isolated, ambiguous reaction as "compelling evidence" - unless their goal was a conscious attempt to make the individual look like a fool.

When I was originally approached by Nova's Denise DiIanni, I was told that she would only deal with people who agreed to show their faces on national TV. I explained that of the more than 500 likely abductees I've worked with one-on-one, only about 15 would agree to appear on national TV. Unfortunately, among the 27% who declined to appear were all the police officers, the (7) psychiatrists, the scientists, Ph.D.'s, business executives,

psychologists, physicians and even a NASA research scientist with whom I'd worked; in short, the people with the most to lose by subjecting themselves to potential public ridicule. Obviously, this reluctant 97% included the most highly credentialed and scientifically sophisticated abductees, the very individuals one would think Nova should be most interested in interviewing if the program were to have scientific relevance. I asked if some of these highly credible people might be allowed to discuss their abduction experiences on camera, backlit or in silhouette, but Nova declined, refusing to interview anyone outside the self-selected 3%. This decision alone demonstrated to me Ms. DiIanni's preference for potentially sensational TV footage over any attempt at scientific depth or inclusiveness.

Nova's experts said, such experiences simply cannot happen. At one point, physicist Paul Horowitz, who apparently has no idea of the range of evidence supporting UFO reality, categorically stated that UFOs don't exist and have never landed!

Nova interviewed me at length in my studio, and, knowing all the fashionable theories debunkers use to discredit anyone reporting an abduction experience, I chose to stress the reports that fell outside these conventional explanations. I dealt with the huge number of abduction accounts that surface without the use of hypnosis, knowing that Nova was sure to deride the process. True to form, the program implied over and over with sledgehammer thoroughness that hypnosis should be thought of as the generating cause of these (automatically false) abduction accounts. My discussion of contradictory data - the mass of non-hypnosis abduction reports - wasn't even mentioned on the program.

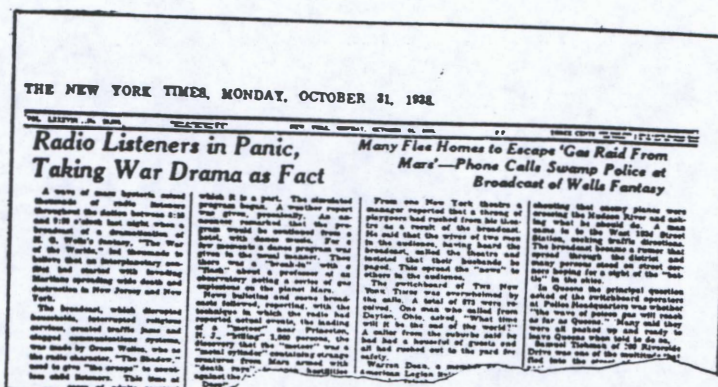
I showed producer DiIanni a collection of photographs of the physical marks and scars that are the common sequelae of UFO abductions, and urged her to interview some of the people bearing the more dramatic wounds.

Since these individuals were among the 97% unwilling to run the risk of ridicule by appearing on camera, Nova not only refused to film them in shadow, but the slides of their wounds and marks which I was asked to lend to Nova were never shown. Nova staffer Liesl Clark, in charge of the program's Internet Web, informed me that to show such physical evidence would be "to open a can of worms." She was right about that.

What Nova produced was not a science program, Denise DiIanni and executive producer Paula Apsell and all those responsible for the final edit of this show should be ashamed of themselves!

It seems that little reliability can be attached these days to the media's promises of making a serious study of any subject associated with UFO's. What are they scared of?

Maybe this old newspaper front page can give us a clue!.....



"ENCOUNTERS MAGAZINE"

Sorry folks it didn't have a *saving grace* after all! The photograph of a supposed "Aurora" refuelling from an aircraft tanker and reproduced in last months OVNI was a computer manufactured fake, so admits the Editor of Encounters Magazine.

We apologise to our readers for wasting valuable newsletter space on this rubbish, but we did put a question mark behind the article headline. Apparently our thoughts on this publication are shared by a number of prominent researchers (see below):-

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Dear Omar,

Many thanks for your recent letter and kind comments about the magazine.

Grass-roots opinion about *Encounters* magazine appears to be overwhelmingly negative, but the general public, largely uninformed, may understandably think it's a terrific publication.

I touch upon this aspect in our impending March/April issue, citing the ridiculous story which *Encounters* attached to the bogus 'flying triangle' photograph. In a nutshell, the publication is put together by folk totally inexperienced in the field, and my goodness does it show!

Time will tell how things develop, but people who profess to know everything there is to know about the UFO subject, and who clearly don't, will soon be left wanting...

Look forward to seeing you again in the not too distant future.

Assuring you of our best attention at all times, I am,

Yours faithfully,

G.W. Birdsall

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The Evening Sky

February 1996

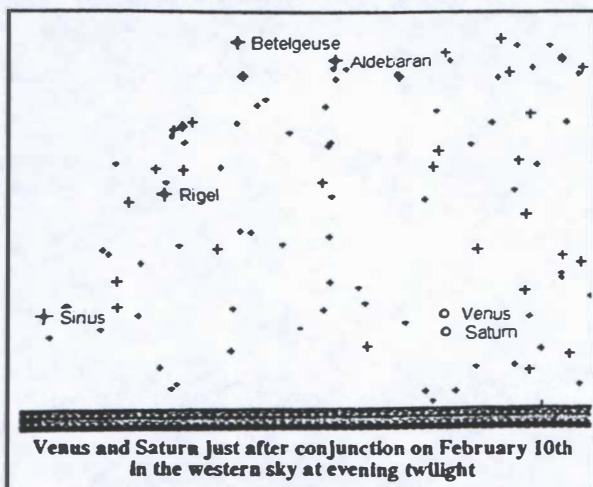
The Evening Sky is really one of the strangest sights imaginable. The pinpoint stars that catch your eyes are all but swallowed up by the blackness of space, an entity billions of light years deep with which we here on Earth have no direct experience. However, Earth and Sky do evoke an emotional response. If you spend time out-doors at night, close to nature you will experience an undeniable feeling of linkage with the stars.

An exciting month ahead for star-crazy people. On February 2nd there will be a spectacular conjunction (apparent closeness) of the planets Venus and Saturn. As evening twilight falls, look towards the southwestern sky or in the direction of the setting Sun. You will see a very bright 'star': the planet Venus and about a quarter-of-an-inch away a yellow, not quite so bright 'star': the planet Saturn. (In reality Venus and Saturn are over 1000 million miles distance from each other.)

Over the following nights you will actually observe the two planets drifting away from each other. On the evening of the 21st a fine crescent Moon joins Venus producing a quite magical sight.

If you can make the effort (no excuses please) do rise early on the morning of the 15th. Jupiter suspended low in the eastern sky just before dawn, is joined by the Moon.

The Hubble-Space-Telescope recorded the biggest ever volcanic eruption on the Jovian moon Io. Io, a large moon of Jupiter, wildly volcanic, is constantly spewing out gases from deep within its



Venus and Saturn just after conjunction on February 10th
in the western sky at evening twilight

interior. So violent are these eruptions that the gases escape into space.

There is now compelling evidence for the existence of another super-massive Black Hole at the centre of a distant galaxy (NGC 4261). The Black Hole is calculated to be 1.2 billion times the mass of our Sun. To put this into perspective, if one cubic inch of the Black Hole were transported to Earth it would weigh more than 500,000 tons!. A massive Black Hole, more dense than 3 million Suns, lies at the centre of our Milky Way galaxy. Once you enter a Black Hole there is no escape!

The solar system has a frenzied history. A collection of meteorites gathered from Antarctica reveal that several originate from the Moon and the planet Mars. Volcanic eruptions / impact crater 'explosions' were so tremendous on these two worlds that some material escaped into space and eventually ended up here on Earth as meteorites.

The Pioneer 11 spacecraft which left Earth in 1973 has finally 'given up'. It is now 5 billion miles from Earth and has provided a wealth of knowledge for us discovering the F and G rings of Saturn in 1979 - well done little spacecraft, we shall all miss you!

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Barry Parkinson

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LINCOLNSHIRE'S PSYCHIC ENCOUNTER?

Peter Gregory is a well known member of the UFO SKYWATCH group and has had a number of psychic experiences, including an encounter with a Flying Triangle on the 21st June 1993. He has sent us this account of an incident that happened to him on the 29th May 1995.

THE PURPLE LIGHT PHENOMENA

ON THE 29TH OF MAY 1995 A PURPLE LIGHT APPEARED NEAR THE EAST COAST OF LINCOLNSHIRE. AS THE ONLY OBSERVER TO THIS SIGHTING I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN MY EXPERIENCE THINKING THAT SOMEONE MAY BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THIS MYSTERY.

I DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT I WITNESSED WAS THE NATURAL EFFECTS OF ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION AS SOME PEOPLE SUGGEST?

PCG.

The first sighting of the purple light happened near Sutton On Sea Lincolnshire one evening in late May 1995. That particular day I made one of my regular visits with a friend to Huttoft Bank a large car terrace overlooking the sea. Being so close to the ocean makes it an ideal place for relaxation, which is the main reason for my daily visits there. At 4-35pm after enjoying two hours of quiet meditation we left the park intending to return to my home in Mablethorpe six miles away. However instead of the usual route through Sutton we decided to travel back along Sea Lane and emerge on the main Skegness to Mablethorpe road. We were about a mile from Huttoft Bank when suddenly an intense ray of purple light hit the car illuminating the interior with a strange fluorescence. At the same time I felt a powerful surge of energy pass through me, causing a sensation like a strong electric shock. Every part of my body was shaking violently, my brain felt as if it was on fire and all I could see in front of me was a large bright purple sun. Realising something was very wrong my friend stopped the car and I managed to get out feeling dazed and now tingling all over. The bright sun had vanished but I noticed a stranger phenomenon, the countryside was bathed in a purple light that extended to the horizon in every direction. The change was completely unbelievable, anything white had been turned into a shimmering purple.

THE PURPLE LIGHT PHENOMENA

White painted houses, fences, clouds, even the wild flowers by the roadside shone with a purple hue. It was like I was seeing the world through a purple mist which made everything appear almost mystical. I sat in amazement and watched the remarkable change the radiation had on familiar surroundings. I was fascinated by the many dream like images but the most spectacular was a vast panorama of glistening purple clouds moving across the night sky. I realised at that time I was seeing a different earth, an earth of great luminous beauty and one perhaps not seen before.

Unfortunately this heightened state of awareness didn't last very long. For some unknown reason I became intensely conscious that all normal sounds had stopped and a strange unearthly stillness descended. An oppressive silence that touched everything around me, leaving me with a terrible feeling of total isolation. I had the distinct impression of being alone on a world devoid of any life at all. Then a frightening thought occurred to me, could what I had seen be the start of some disastrous event that would threaten life on earth? I was never to learn the answer for abruptly I felt my friend grasp my arm tightly and I was instantly jolted back to reality. Trembling I was helped back into the car where I sat in stunned silence trying to understand the significance of the experience.

As I watched from the car the purple light gradually subsided and then finally disappeared, leaving behind a faint purple glow. The whole experience lasted for only a few minutes but it took almost half an hour for my brain to function normally again. The most surprising thing of all, the friend who had been with me the entire time had seen and felt nothing?

As to what happened to me, I believe that my experience cannot be explained as paranormal in the accepted sense of the word. I see it as a combination of a physical and a non physical reaction to a strong external stimuli. I am almost convinced that this stimuli was produced by some kind of radiation emitted from space, natural or otherwise.

I have no scientific evidence to support my story and certainly no way of knowing what really occurred. One thing I am sure of the incident was not the result of any sight defect whatsoever as a recent eye test shows no damage or disease to the retina.

It is just possible that my experience is beyond present scientific knowledge. If that is case there is no rational answer, not one most people would understand or believe.

Since May 1995 I have experienced many such sightings in different parts of Lincolnshire although there has not been the physical and mental trauma that accompanied the first.

After so many experiences of the radiation I am beginning to believe that our earth is now in the process of some cosmological change or other but I have no idea why?

P.C. Gregory. January 96.

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TALE ENDERS

VENUS has still been causing problems. The local Derby Evening Telegraph was swamped with calls when we had our first clear night sky for weeks and Venus was visible. To complicate matters Saturn was close alongside Venus on the night of the 8th February, causing some confusion to the local populace. Thanks again to Garry Stapleton's assistance, our computer sky programme found the solution in seconds!

CAA IS MYSTIFIED by the Flying triangle that buzzed a Boeing 737 airliner approaching Manchester Airport on January 6th last year. Their findings, published in the TIMES newspaper on 2nd February caused widespread media attention, but few people realised that the incident had taken place a year previously. The CAA findings stated that: "*They could find no likely explanation.*" Incidentally, the PRA faxed Manchester Airport Air Traffic Control on the 5th October 1993, warning them that FT's were flying around in their air space (*we told them so!*)

NEW SCIENTIST MAGAZINE says that NASA is taking up the idea of *Flying Saucers* seriously, as a means of replacing their fleet of space shuttles in the next century. Experiments will begin in a wind tunnel (?) later this month. (They've still got it wrong! Ed.)

BOB DEAN IS TO GIVE UP HIS UFO LECTURE TOURS and to concentrate instead on writing a book, according to Busty Taylor who has recently returned from a speaking tour in the States'. One of Bob's last talks, will be as a Guest of Busty and takes place in ANDOVER on March 16. Enquiries to Busty Taylor: Tel-01264-324496.

HOPI INDIAN "ROBERT MORNING SKY" the *Apache* and *native American* is visiting England in June as a guest of Busty Taylor and will be speaking on June 22, presumably in the Andover area. He covers such subjects as *Abductions*, *Time Travel* and *Humanity's Extraterrestrial Origins* as revealed by the *extraterrestrial Star Elder*. Enquiries to the telephone number above.

ALIEN RADIO SIGNALS? have been received from 70 Virginis, the star that was recently reported by astronomers to have a planet. Extraterrestrial civilisations may exist, say scientists (how naive)!. Source: The Observer newspaper 11 February 96.

THINGS ARE STILL GOING "BONK" IN THE NIGHT down Portsmouth way, according to Brian Maguire (of the PRA & Southern Paranormal Investigation Group). Brian and his associated have discovered an area where Crop Circles have formed in the summer and *strange glowing lights* have been seen during the winter. These have been captured on film and will be featured shortly. Meanwhile the PRA have sent down a 35mm Infra-Red film and a "Microdet" H/F detector to assist them in their research.

NEXT MEETING

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